

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007. Claims 1-15, 18-23, and 25-27 are pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15, 18-19 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,502,236 to Allen et al. (“*Allen*”) in view of “Laura Lemay’s Web Workshop ActiveX and VBScript,” (“*Lemay*”). Claims 7, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Allen*, in view of *Lemay* and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,493,868 to DaSilva et al. (“*DaSilva*”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, for the reasons discussed below.

Claim 1 is directed to a method of converting data that includes dynamically creating at runtime a first optimized conversion routine, and validating specific field conversion options of the conversion routine. The references cited in the Office Action, alone or in combination, do not disclose, teach or suggest each of these limitations.

The Office Action suggests that *Lemay* discloses the limitation “validating specific field conversion options of the conversion routine” at page 117, paragraphs 4-7. Applicants respectfully disagree. *Lemay* discloses a procedure which “checks to ensure that the value entered in the TEXT1 text box can be converted to a number.” Thus, *Lemay* verifies that the input can be converted to a number. *Lemay* does not disclose, teach or suggest validating specific field conversion options of the conversion routines. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from the references cited by the Office Action.

Similar to Claim 1, each of amended Claims 8, 15 and 23 include limitations generally directed to validating specific field conversion options of the conversion routine. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 8, 15 and 23 are each patentably distinguishable from *Allen* in view of *Lemay* for example, for at least those reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 1.

Claims 2-7, 9-14, 18-22 and 25-27 each depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claims 1, 8, 15 or 23. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that these claims are each patentably distinguishable from the references cited by the Office Action, for at least those reasons discussed above with regard to their respective base claims. *DaSilva* fails to cure the deficiencies of *Allen* and *Lemay*, noted above. None of the references cited by the Office Action disclose, teach or suggest “validating specific field conversion options of the conversion routine.”

CONCLUSION

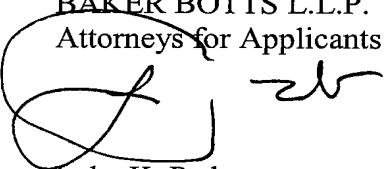
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Luke K. Pedersen, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6655.

Applicants hereby take an extension of time to accompany this response for one month from July 19, 2007 to August 19, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120.00 Extension of Time fee, and to the extent necessary, charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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